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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 12, 2013

There are only a few weeks left to complete and return the 2012 Census of Agriculture. Because time is running out, NASS may contact you or farmers in your area by phone or in person to collect information for the Census. *Help ensure you and your industry have the most complete set of agricultural statistics available for your country and county.* For more information or for help filling out your Census form, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call (888) 424-7828.

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good to fair; 45% first cutting complete. Cotton 40% planted. Corn 40% planted; 14% emerged. Sorghum was 2% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 35% headed; 45% grazed. Peanut 8% planted. Lettuce conditions were mostly excellent to good; 24% harvested. Chile condition was mostly fair; 88% planted. Onion conditions ranged from fair to excellent. Pecan condition was mostly good; Nut set 9% light and 91% average. Cattle conditions ranged from fair to very poor. Sheep conditions were mostly very poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 71% very short, 22% short and 7% adequate. Wind damage was 17% light and 3% moderate; with winter wheat 62% damaged and onions 9% damaged. Freeze damage was 13% light; with winter wheat 54% damaged and onions 9% damaged.

Additional Comments: Colfax: Lots of cattle being sold the little bit that are left. Only 25% of the producers if that are getting yearlings in. Curry: Some areas received substantial rainfall this week and some areas received showers to none. Alfalfa producers have not yet started cutting. Wheat producers are harvesting most of their wheat as ensilage or baling. There is little field work planting being observed. Livestock producers still liquidating and reducing herds, selling light weight calves in an effort to keep cows and many selling their entire herds. Otero/Lincoln: A little rain fell in some parts of Otero County this week, enough to hold down dust for a day. Santa Fe: Insect activity continues to be minimal. Isolated showers were received during the course of the week with the first one bringing traces of hail. Taos: Scattered showers have helped bring much needed moisture, but high winds continue to add to the dry conditions on crop & pasture lands. Also, spring runoff is very low and many producers will not have enough water for one full irrigation to their crop fields.

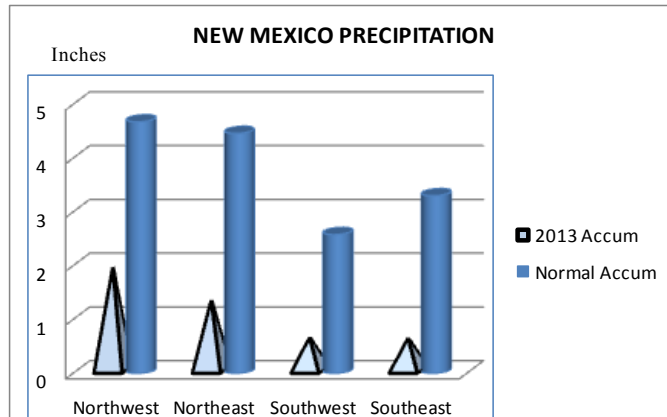
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1st cutting	45	30	75	66
Chile	Planted	88	88	98	96
Corn	Emerged	14	13	23	19
Corn	Planted	40	30	77	63
Cotton	Planted	40	36	73	71
Lettuce	Harvested	24	20	49	48
Peanuts	Planted	8	7	10	22
Sorghum	Planted	2	2	12	10
W Wheat	Grazed	45	42	65	-
W Wheat	Headed	35	22	76	73

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES					
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Northwest	60	35	5	-	
Northeast	92	8	-	-	
Southwest	70	5	25	-	
Southeast	65	35	-	-	
State Current	71	22	7	-	
State-Last Week	78	16	6	-	
State-Last Year	47	30	23	-	
State-5-Yr Avg.	46	33	21	-	
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	7	31	50	8
Chile	-	-	61	19	20
Lettuce	11	-	-	45	44
Onion	-	-	33	38	29
Pecan	-	1	49	50	-
Winter Wheat	70	8	14	8	-
Cattle	50	29	17	4	-
Sheep	51	24	22	3	-

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	43	46	10	1	-
Northeast	94	3	3	-	-
Southwest	71	23	4	2	-
Southeast	83	13	4	-	-
State Current	69	24	6	1	-
State-Last Week	67	24	8	1	-
State-Last Year	49	28	16	6	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	26	38	26	10	-

Weather Summary

A slow moving storm system helped to provide multiple days of showers and thunderstorms across New Mexico. The highest precipitation amounts for the week were 0.66 inches at Tucumcari, 0.63 inches at Capulin and 0.35 inches at Roy. Statewide temperatures were slightly below normal for early May. Locations with the greatest departures below normal include Clovis at 10 degrees, Roy at 10 degrees and Red River at 7 degrees.



NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – May 6 - May 12, 2013

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 06 May - 12 May	Month 01 May-12 May	Accum. 01 Jan-12 May	Normal May	Normal Jan-May
Northwest								
Albuquerque	61.1	80	47	-	-	0.60	0.50	2.54
Chama	45.4	63	27	0.12	0.12	4.23	1.44	8.90
Farmington	54.7	80	37	0.16	0.16	1.83	0.54	3.09
Gallup	50.6	77	26	0.02	0.02	1.76	0.56	3.46
Grants	52.0	76	30	0.09	0.09	0.23	0.58	2.86
Johnson Ranch	49.3	74	27	0.45	0.45	1.24	0.65	3.64
Los Alamos	50.9	72	36	0.03	0.03	1.85	1.42	5.47
Red River	39.5	57	27	0.29	0.29	4.62	1.80	8.34
Santa Fe	54.4	75	36	0.23	0.23	0.82	0.94	3.78
Northeast								
Capulin	50.9	74	34	0.63	0.63	2.56	1.59	4.73
Clayton	58.1	82	39	0.01	0.01	0.78	1.99	4.03
Clovis	54.4	81	44	0.26	-	1.35	1.84	4.69
Las Vegas	49.9	71	33	0.13	0.13	0.57	1.51	4.15
Moriarty	52.2	74	31	0.04	0.04	0.83	1.25	4.09
Raton	52.6	77	35	0.08	0.08	1.69	1.94	5.09
Roy	54.4	75	38	0.35	0.35	0.88	1.84	3.98
Tucumcari	61.4	84	44	0.66	0.65	1.71	1.84	4.93
Southwest								
Animas	63.9	81	45	0.00	0.00	0.63	0.24	2.25
Deming	64.1	80	46	0.03	0.03	0.51	0.43	2.41
Gran Quivira	54.9	73	34	0.02	0.02	0.79	0.91	3.76
Quemado	49.6	71	28	0.14	0.14	0.75	0.53	2.70
Socorro	63.0	81	45	0.34	0.34	0.64	0.58	2.28
T or C	63.1	79	42	0.14	0.14	0.28	0.57	2.08
Southeast								
Alamogordo	64.4	81	42	-	-	0.04	0.49	2.64
Carlsbad	68.0	88	47	-	-	0.90	1.17	3.33
Carrizozo	58.4	76	39	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.62	2.72
Las Cruces	66.9	89	48	0.09	0.09	0.30	0.40	1.83
Roswell	64.5	87	43	0.01	0.01	0.51	1.25	3.52
Ruidoso	51.8	73	29	0.07	0.07	0.69	1.19	4.93
Tatum	61.2	86	39	0.03	0.03	1.17	2.09	4.14

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.